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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiro OKAMI et al.

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Art Unit: 1797

For: APPARATUS FOR INTRODUCING  
BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL, METHOD OF  
INTRODUCING BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL  
AND MAGNETIC SUPPORT FOR  
INTRODUCING BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

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Examiner: N. A. Bowers

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, the Examiner has required a restriction between the claims of Group I (claims 1-18, 31-36 and 41); Group II (Claims 19-27 and 37-34) and Group III (Claims 28-30).

In response thereto, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely apparatus claims 1-18, 31-36 and 41.

However, as noted in the Office Action, once product claims are found allowable, the Applicant will be entitled to have process claims rejoined in the application, as long as the process claims depend from or otherwise require the limitations of the allowed product claims.

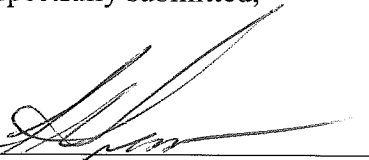
Favorable action and early allowance of the claims are requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson, Registration No 30,330 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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